IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method of managing information ~~that is~~ received from at least one ~~or more users~~ user over a communication network ~~in a communication environment~~, comprising:

receiving information from ~~a~~ an authorized user ~~at a first node of the communication network~~, the information indicating user-specified criteria related to ~~an establishment located in the communication environment~~ a location at which the user-specified criteria can be meet;

storing the information at a central database that is linked to the communication network;

receiving from any authorized user, modifications to the user-specified criteria;

monitoring the authorized user's location ~~within the communication environment~~;

~~determining if the user is located near an establishment that satisfies one or more of the user-specified criteria;~~ and

sending a notification to the authorized user if the authorized user is near ~~an establishment~~ a location that ~~satisfies~~ meets at least one ~~or more~~ of the user-specified criteria.

2. [CANCELED]

3. [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the ~~first node of the communication network comprises~~ user sends the information via a wireless data acquisition device.

4. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 3, wherein the data acquisition device is a mobile phone.

5. [CANCELED]

6. [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the received information includes ~~a~~ an items needed list of at least one item, and wherein at least one criterion is whether an item on the list can be obtained at an establishment, and additionally comprising:

sending a notification to a user only when the user is near an establishment at which the user can obtain an item on the items needed list.

7. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 6, wherein an additional criterion describes a

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geographic location of an establishment, and additionally comprising:

    sending a notification to a user only when the user is near an establishment that is located at the geographic location described in the additional criterion.

8.   [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method as defined in claim 1, wherein monitoring the user's location ~~within the communication environment~~ comprises monitoring the location of a data acquisition device associated with the user~~, the data acquisition device comprising a node of the communication network~~.

9.   [CANCELED]

10.   [CANCELED]

11.   [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the user is near ~~an establishment~~ a location that meets at least one of the user-specified criteria when the location of the user is within a predetermined distance of the location ~~of the establishment~~ that meets at least one of the user-specified criteria.

12.   [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 1, wherein sending a notification to a user comprises sending a notification over the communication network to a data acquisition device associated with the user.

13.   [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method of managing data that is received from at least one ~~or more users~~ user over a communication network ~~in a communication environment~~, comprising:

    receiving data from a first node of the communication network, the data indicating at least one criterion that can be satisfied by an establishment ~~located in the communication environment~~;

    obtaining a location of a remote device ~~in the communication environment~~, wherein the remote device is a node of the communication network;

    receiving additional data from a second node of the communication network, the additional data indicating a change or addition to at least one of the criterion provided by the data received from the first node;

    identifying an establishment as a qualified establishment when an establishment satisfies at least one of the criterion;

    determining whether the location of the remote device relative to the location of the

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qualified establishment satisfies a condition; and

transmitting an alarm over the communication network to the remote device if the condition is satisfied.

14. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 13, wherein the data includes a list of at least one item, and wherein one criterion is whether an item on the list can be obtained at an establishment such that an establishment can be qualified establishment only when an item on the list can be obtained at the establishment.

15. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 14, wherein an additional criterion relates to a price of an item on the list such that an establishment can be a qualified establishment only when an item on the list can be obtained at the establishment for a price specified in the data.

16. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 14, wherein an additional criterion relates to an establishment name such that an establishment can be a qualified establishment only when the establishment has the establishment name.

17. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 14, wherein an additional criterion describes a location such that an establishment can be a qualified establishment only when the establishment has a location that matches the location described in the criterion.

18. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 13, wherein determining whether the location of the remote device relative to the location of the qualified establishment satisfies a condition comprises determining whether the location of the remote device is within a predetermined distance to the location of the qualified establishment.

19. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 14, wherein transmitting an alarm over the communication network to the remote device comprises sending a notification to the remote device that an item from the list can be obtained at the qualified establishment.

20. [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 19, wherein transmitting an alarm over the communication network to the remote device additionally comprises sending a notification to the remote device indicating that the qualified establishment is nearby.

21. [CANCELED]

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22.   [ORIGINAL] A method as defined in claim 13, additionally comprising making the data available only to a node that is operated by an authorized user.

23 – 37. [CANCELED]

38.   [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A program product for use in a computer system that executes program steps recorded in a computer-readable media to perform a method for managing information that is received from one or more users over a communication network in a communication environment, the program product comprising:

      a recordable media;

      a program of computer-readable instructions executable by the computer system to perform operations comprising:

      receiving information from a user-at-a first node of the communication network, the information indicating user-specified criteria related to an establishment located-in-the communication-environment;

      storing the information at a central database that is linked to the communication network;

      receiving information from a second node of the communication network, the information indicating a change in the user-specified criteria;

      monitoring the user's location within the communication environment;

      determining if the user is located near an establishment that satisfies one or more of the user-specified criteria; and

      sending a notification to the user if the user is near an establishment that satisfies one or more of the user-specified criteria.

39.   [CANCELED]

40.   [ORIGINAL] A program product as defined in claim 38, wherein the information includes a list of at least one item, and wherein one criterion is whether an item on the list can be obtained at an establishment, and wherein the operations further comprise:

      sending a notification to a user only when the user is near an establishment at which the user can obtain an item on the list.

41.   [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A system that manages data that is received from at least one or-more-users user over a communication network in a communication environment, the system comprising one or more processors that execute program instructions and receive a data set, wherein the program instructions are executed to cause the processor to:

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~~receiving~~ receive data from a first node of the communication network, the data indicating at least one criterion that can be satisfied by an establishment located in the communication environment;

obtain a location of a remote device in the communication environment, wherein the remote device is a node of the communication network;

receive additional data from a second node of the communication network, the additional data indicating a change to at least one criterion that can be satisfied by an establishment located in the communication environment;

identify an establishment as a qualified establishment when an establishment satisfies at least one of the criterion;

determine whether the location of the remote device relative to the location of the qualified establishment satisfies a condition; and

transmit an alarm over the communication network to the remote device if the condition is satisfied.

42 - 44. [CANCELED]

45.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 1, wherein information received from an authorized user is received via an appliance.

46.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 45, wherein the appliance is a refrigerator.

47.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 45, wherein the appliance is a desktop computer.

48.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 45, wherein the appliance is a office appliance.

49.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 45, wherein the appliance is a household appliance

50.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 45, wherein the appliance includes a user data entry device.

51.   [NEW] A method as defined in claim 45, wherein the appliance detects conditions and reports such conditions to a server.

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